

Dear Parent(s)/carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the Spring term, I hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year break. The children are now settled back into work and have been working extremely hard throughout the course of our first week of remote learning. I am so very proud of how smoothly the children have transitioned through these very drastic changes and how independent they have very quickly become. Please take a look at our class blog to see some pictures from our first full week back.

From my perspective, I have not noticed many parents in the background of cameras but please know how punctual, efficient and tech savvy all of Saint David's class have been. It has been so very heart-warming to see children helping their peers and overcoming technical issues together.

Even with all of the changes, in regard to learning online, we are still very excited to be keeping a broad and balanced curriculum alongside all of our usual morning sessions (e.g. numeracy, literacy and guided reading). However, our topic, as you know, changes each term and across the next few weeks our focus will be '**Let There Be Light!**', within this we will be scientists and explore how we see, shadows, reflection and refraction alongside deepening our knowledge of circuits.

Finally, if you would like to discuss any concerns, then please make an appointment through the admin team or the senior leadership team (SLT@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk).

Please see the attached topic web for information on what we will be learning in our forthcoming term. I look forward to another exciting few weeks ahead of us!

Kind regards,
Miss Crisp

Literacy

Narrative Texts - FOCUS:

Describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue

Explanation Texts - FOCUS:

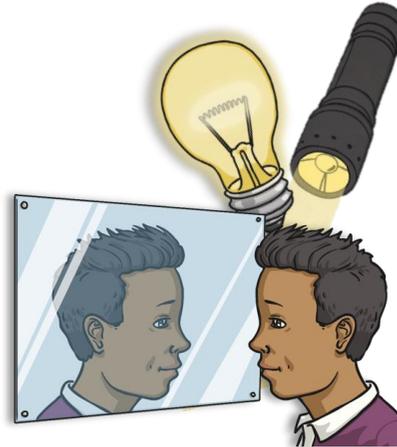
Presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and degree of trust in results

RE – God Matters

Christmas – This unit provides us opportunity for a more detailed look at the Christmas story through the eyes of the Gospel writers. A particular focus is given to St John's Prologue, which describes Jesus as 'the Word'. The meaning of the word 'Incarnation' will also be explored and developed.

Revelation – Across this unit, we will grow our understanding of the story of St Paul and Christian belief today. In addition to this, we will grow a developing religious vocabulary to talk about revelation and the role of the Pope and Bishops.

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RHE – Relationship and Health Ed.

Life Cycles – Within this unit will learn about God's design for creating new life through a more nuanced understanding of menstruation, fertility, conception, fetal development in the womb and childbirth.

Numeracy

Fractions (calculating)
Decimals (calculating)

Saint David's Class Topic Web Spring Term 1

Theme Related - Let There Be Light

As scientists, we will:

- recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines
- explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye
- explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes
- explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.
- associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit
- compare and give reasons for variations in how components function
- use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram